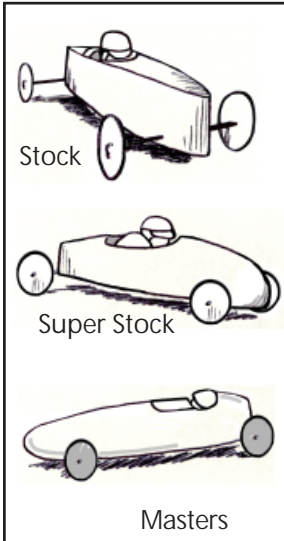


2007 Rappahannock Regional Soap Box Derby

The Free Lance-Star Classic

January 2007

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New Age Limits... Three Race Divisions!

We offer three racing divisions here in our local race: Stock, Super Stock and Masters. The All-American Soap Box Derby national headquarters has changed the driver age limits, which are now in effect for our race. The **Stock Division** is open to all boys and girls, **ages 9 to 13 years on July 21**. The Stock Car is the first class designed for beginning racers. The car has boxy angles and an angled nose. The finished vehicle is not painted, but decorated with vinyl cutouts and lettering.

The Super Stock Division is the next higher racing class. Boys and girls must now be **at least 10 years old by June 9, 2007** to race in our **Super Stock Division**. Competitors may be as old as 17 to drive a Super Stock, but must not turn 18 by July 21st. The Super Stock Car is missile shaped

with a smooth, rounded nose. The Super Stock shell may be painted. These racing classes make use of kits and shells available from the All-American. Z-Glas wheels are purchased separately for all cars.

The **Masters Division** ages have not changed. Masters is open to boys and girls, **ages 10 to 17 years old**. Masters drivers must not turn 18 by July 21st. The Masters Car is longer and sleeker than the other two divisions. Masters entrants may purchase a Masters Kit from the All-American Derby. ■

Way to GO!

The Soap Box Derby float won big in the 2006 Christmas Parade. All of the time, energy, and creativity that was donated by Warren Cooper, Alvin Staples and the rest of the float volunteers was rewarded by the judges. This year's float was awarded **FIRST PLACE** in the non-commercial category for the Jaycees' Christmas Parade held in downtown Fredericksburg. Way to go! Special thanks to everyone who lent their assistance to make this float such a hit!



Largest Race in the World! In 2006, the Rappahannock Regional Soap Box Derby was awarded the title of **Largest Local Race in the World for the 4th year running!** And yes, we are already looking forward to a bigger and better race for 2007. ■



Registration Deadlines:

Early Registration: \$50 fee, this form and birth certificate due by April 25, 2007

Late Registration: \$75 fee, this form and birth certificate due by May 3, 2007

Important Dates:

Car Clinics:

Mar. 11, Mar. 25, Apr. 15, Apr. 22

Driver Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Car Inspection & Impound:

Sat. & Sun., May 19-20, 2007

Lane & Heat Drawing

Monday, May 21, 2007

Race Day:

Saturday, June 9, 2007

Raindate:

Sunday, June 10, 2007

Akron Race Week:

July 15 - 21, 2007

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Drivers' Meeting

Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00pm at Dorothy Hart Community Center

This meeting, with a question and answer format, is open to anyone... new drivers, returning drivers and sponsors. It is especially helpful to new drivers. A lot of information regarding the race, cars and other things you need to know will be presented. We will have demonstrations on how to balance weight in the car with the driver sitting in race position. ■

Car Clinics

Car Clinics will be held at the Elks Lodge on the following dates:



Drivers get answers about their cars at our car clinics.

Sunday, March 11 Sunday, March 25
Sunday, April 15 Sunday, April 22

All clinics are 1:00pm - 4:00pm and are free to attend. Bring your questions. Come with or without your car, but you'll get the most out of the clinic by bringing your car. Our race inspectors will be on hand to answer questions and to make sure your car is regulation.

Note: Older cars will have modifications needed to be eligible for the 2007 race. This possibly includes new axles, floorboards, etc. Our inspectors are available at the clinics to see if you need an update. Questions? Call us!

Attend a car clinic and pick your inspection/impound appointment. Those drivers who attend at least one car clinic are invited to select their Inspection date and time on a first-come, first-served basis. **All drivers who do not attend a clinic will be assigned a time slot for their Inspection.** All drivers will be notified of their time slot in May. ■

Note: We are not responsible for any information about soap box derby cars and or derby racing that is not presented by our local race or the national organization. If you have a question about car modifications, etc. make sure you check with the Derby Director or an Official Race Inspector before you make changes to your car that would make it ineligible to race. Call 372-1086 ext. 215 for more information.

We try to help match cars to kids looking to race. If you know of anyone who has an extra car that will not be racing it this year, or if you need a car, please give a call to Alvin Staples, Race Director, at 786-5930.

Purchasing a New Car Kit:

New car kits are purchased directly from the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio. Stock Kits are \$415 (white) and \$430 (red or blue). Super Stock kits are \$425. Masters kits are \$535. These prices do NOT include shipping. Z-glass wheels are an additional \$100 plus shipping. Visit www.aasbd.com for ordering and parts information or call Akron directly at (330) 733-8723. Before you order, make sure the kit can be delivered in time for you and your child to build it prior to inspection and impound days.

These kits will be shipped directly to your home or the address of your choice. The shipping box is approximately the size of the car's shell. You will need a small pick up truck or a minivan to transport the kit and/or the finished car. We will assign your car a racing number once you have registered for the race. ■

In order to to compete in the Rappahannock Regional Soap Box Derby, GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP is required of all drivers and their families.



Our friendly volunteers are here to answer your questions at each of the clinics and at the Inspection/Impound.

Inspections?

All cars are inspected to ensure they comply with the All-American Soap Box Derby and 2007 Rappahannock Regional Soap Box Derby Rules and Regulations. Your derby car will face final inspection on May 19-20th. Once it passes final inspection, it is securely impounded until race day.

The three winning cars of our local race will be inspected again after the race to ensure they are in compliance to go to Akron's National Race.

Please be sure to attend the Car Clinics to prepare your derby racer for these important inspections. We want every car to successfully pass inspection and race on June 9th. We are here to answer your questions. ■



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